

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0077

**Title:** Continue universal service benefits program

**Primary Sponsor:** Johnson, R

**Status:** As Introduced

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Sponsor signature Date

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Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director Date

## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2004</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill would extend universal system benefits programs through December 31, 2005. Under current law, they terminate July 1, 2003.
2. These charges generated \$12.7 million in fiscal 2001, which were expended primarily by the utility companies on programs as, provided in 69-8-402, MCA.
3. Utilities are required to provide a minimum level of funding for energy conservation, low-income energy assistance and other programs. If a utility's direct funding of qualifying programs is less than its funding requirement, it must pay the difference into the state universal systems benefit account. Utilities generally meet their minimum funding level so that projected receipts into the universal systems benefit account are zero. Small amounts have been received by the state in each of the past several years. In this estimate it is assumed no funds would be received.
4. This bill will have no fiscal impact on the state.